

The Gospel Arrives in Rome:

Acts 28:11-31

Boldly and Unhindered



11 After three months we set sail on an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had the Twin Brothers for its figurehead. 12 After we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. 13 From there we sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind came up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

Acts 28:11-13 (NASB)



14 There we found some brothers and sisters, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and that is how we came to Rome. 15 And from there the brothers and sisters, when they heard about us, came as far as the Market of Appius and the Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

Acts 28:14-15 (NASB)



16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

(Acts 23:11- 'You must testify in Rome')

Acts 28:16 (NASB)



17 After three days Paul called together those who were the leading men of the Jews, and when they came together, he began saying to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was handed over to the Romans as a prisoner from Jerusalem.

Acts 28:17 (NASB)



18 And when they had examined me, they were willing to release me because there were no grounds for putting me to death.

Acts 28:18 (NASB)



19 But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation. 20 For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, since I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel.”

Acts 28:19-20 (NASB)



21 They said to him, “We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor has any of the brothers come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you. 22 But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for regarding this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.”

Acts 28:21-22 (NASB)



23a When they had set a day for Paul, people came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God...

Acts 28:23a (NASB)



23b...and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some were being persuaded by the things said by Paul, but others would not believe.

Acts 28:23b-24 (NASB)



25 And when they disagreed with one another, they began leaving after Paul said one parting statement: "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

Acts 28:25 (NASB)



26 saying,

'GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,

**"YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, AND WILL
NOT UNDERSTAND;**

**AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, AND WILL
NOT PERCEIVE;**

Acts 28:26 (NASB)



27a

**FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE
BECOME INSENSITIVE,
AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY HARDLY HEAR,
AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;**

Acts 28:27a (NASB)



**OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR
EYES,
AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,
AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND
RETURN,
AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.””**

Acts 28:27b (NASB)



28 Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen.”

Acts 28:28 (NASB)



30 Now Paul stayed two full years in his own rented lodging and welcomed all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

Acts 28:30-31 (NASB)



Acts 1:8 & Acts 28:31

8 `...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NASB)



**“Thank God,
Take Courage,
& Keep Going.”**

